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NAVAJO MAN SENTENCED FOR MURDER OF HIS WIFE

PHOENIX – Jefferson Dixon, 41, a member of the Navajo Nation from Dilcon, Ariz., was sentenced here May 8th by U.S. District Judge Frederick J. Martone to 384 months in prison to be followed by five years of supervised release. Dixon had pleaded guilty to second degree murder under a plea agreement in November 2005 for the death of his wife.

Angela Dixon, 36, was strangled to death in a remote area near Dilcon, Ariz. on the Navajo Indian Reservation on February 12, 2005. Dixon admitted that both he and his wife had been using methamphetamine and drinking beer on the day of the murder.

While driving on the morning of the 12th Dixon had accused his wife of an affair. In an ensuing argument Dixon began choking his wife until she became unconscious. After his wife became unconscious, Dixon used his truck to drag his wife's body by a tow rope that he wrapped around her neck and mouth. Dixon then left his wife in the gully while he went to his mother's house to obtain more beer. He then returned to his wife's body and continued drinking there.

Dixon eventually contacted law enforcement and admitted to killing his wife.

Dixon was originally charged with first degree murder for his wife's killing but under the terms of the plea agreement plead guilty to the lesser second degree charge.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Navajo Department of Public Safety and the FBI. The prosecution was handled by Kimberly Hare, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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